



# TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

456 Fulton St. Suite 401

Peoria, IL 61602

Mike Hinrichsen, CHAIRMAN

(Don White, Greg Menold, Russ Crawford, Rita Ali, Andrew Rand, Barry Logan, Chuck Nagel)

**Monday, April 18, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.**

## MINUTES

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Mike Hinrichsen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Roll Call  
Present: Mike Hinrichsen, Don White, and Barry Logan. Virtual: Greg Menold, and Russ Crawford.  
Absent: Rita Ali, Chuck Nagel, and Andrew Rand. Staff present: Eric Miller, Debbie Ulrich, and Ray Lees.
3. Public Input- none
4. Motion to approve March 21, 2022, minutes  
Barry Logan moved to approve the March 21, 2022, minutes and Don White seconded. Motion carried.
5. Executive Director report  
Eric Miller reported on the following:
  - Preliminary discussion on Port District, will help submit a grant. Will help with staff support.
  - TCRPC is helping several communities with Comprehensive Plans
  - Received a letter from IDHS for audit on our finances for Census process.
6. Review of Commission FY23 Draft Budget  
Eric Miller presented 1<sup>st</sup> draft FY23 budget. Will bring back to committee when completed.
7. Discussion and recommendation of Commission policy for member participation via virtual meetings
  - Eric Miller said he ran by the Commission attorney for continuing virtual meetings when Executive Order is no longer extended. The Commission attorney said this could be a misdemeanor if ignored according to Open Meetings Act. We need to have an in-person quorum.
  - Don White mentioned if we have quorum issues can we reduce quorum persons.
  - Mike Hinrichsen said he wants to take this to Commission to discuss further. We need to let persons know of the issues we may have if we cannot have virtual.

- Russ Crawford mentioned he had no comment at this time. He will be in person at meetings at a later time and will address this. He added that he will have doctor permission to attend virtual attendance.
- Greg Menold said he cannot think they would do anything against us legally, except bad press. In favor of virtual attendance.
- Don White said he was in favor of consistency, but it is the law of OMA, if we don't approve something in the proper form it may be not approved legally, and we need to follow our legal advice.
- Eric Miller added if we do not allow virtual, we could reduce amount of physical quorum present.

8. Update on Hanna City Trail

Eric Miller updated that Hanna City has pulled out of Hanna City Trail project. There are meetings going on with other alternatives. Corporation group of people are talking to IDNR and got an extension for 6 months. There is a grant 501C3 in existence that may help in the purchasing process.

9. Update on Strategic Planning meeting

Eric Miller updated that there are 100 registered so far for in person attendance. The second meeting of Commissioners only will be held Friday, June 3rd a 9:00 a.m. in Conference room 420.

10. Other

- Barry Logan asked why to have this meeting today except to approve minutes, what did we accomplish today? Mike Hinrichsen said we talked of virtual meetings and update on Hanna City Trail and the Strategic meeting. Barry asked are we going to discuss this again next month? Russ Crawford agreed with Barry 100%.
- Mike Hinrichsen said that the Nominations Committee consisting of Mike Hinrichsen, Russ Crawford, and Rita Ali need to meet to create a new board of committees. This needs to be done the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

11. Adjournment

Barry Logan moved to adjourn, and Don White seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Transcribed by:

Debbie Ulrich, Office Manager